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**Business would flow in from the most unexpected quarters, and when we took time to investigate, we could always trace it direct to some of our advertising.—Col. Geo. Merritt, of Waterbury Watch Co.**

## AN INCREASE IN VOTE.

What the addition to the total number of voters in this country is likely to be this year is very hard to conjecture, for the reason that between 1896 and 1900, so far as the election returns show, there was practically no gain in the number of electors. From 1876 to 1880 there was a gain of 800,000; from 1880 to 1884 a gain of 1,000,000; from 1884 to 1888, a gain of 1,300,000; from 1888 to 1892, a gain of 500,000, and from 1892 to 1896, a gain of 1,900,000. Between 1876 and 1896 the popular vote for presidential electors increased 65 per cent, or from 8,400,000 to 13,900,000.

Apparently owing to the fact that a vast multitude of voters did not go to the polls at all in 1900, the total popular vote in that year was only 40,000 greater than it was in 1896; and, if anything like a full vote is polled next fall there should be an enormous and unprecedented increase in the total vote. In the eight years ended with November, 1896, this vote increased 2,400,000, and, as the population of the country has been steadily expanding since 1896, the total vote this year should show a far greater increase than that of 1888-96.

A thing that renders it extremely difficult to forecast what the increase in this vote may be is the fact that an exceptionally large number of immigrants have landed on our shores in recent years. In the eight years ended with 1903 over 3,500,000 foreign born persons were added to our population, and a considerable proportion of these persons is now naturalized, and they will take part in the next election. What the proportion may be, however, it is impossible to judge.

It is none too early for the political leaders and managers to grasp the fact that "first voters" are likely to constitute a more important factor in the approaching campaign than ever before, and as a consequence that they are likely to prove a greater unknown quantity than has ever been the case hitherto. Evidently both of the great political parties will need to do a vast amount of missionary work if they hope for victory in November.—New York Commercial.

## THE SITUATION IN NEW YORK.

Neither of the two leading political parties can be sure of the result of the forthcoming election in New York. This uncertainty is due to dissensions in both parties.

The Republicans are not agreed on a leader, though Governor Odell seems to have the reins in his own hands. The friends of Senator Platt think that he should not be deposed from his old time leadership. There was a kind of compromise whereby Senator Platt was to be the party leader and Governor Odell the chairman of the state Republican central committee. Under this arrangement both parties may claim the leadership and neither knows where it is at.

The Democrats are not so fortunate—there are two parties—Tammany, led by Mr. Murphy, and the "Up State" Democracy, led by ex-Senator David B. Hill. They have two candidates for the presidency. Tammany will undoubtedly support Mr. Hearst, while the Hill faction are pronounced in their allegiance to Judge Parker.

The Republicans have the better of the situation, as they have but one candidate for the presidency.

According to the Philadelphia Ledger, Hearst is only the cats-paw of Bryan, who wants a little revenge for his two defeats in 1896 and 1900. While Bryan may get considerable satisfaction out of the Hearst movement, he did not originate it and it is not in Mr. Bryan's interest. The most superficial glance ought to show to even the dullest that the Hearst papers have had Hearst in their eye all the while. This was the reason Hearst was what they call regular in the last two campaigns. He saw that Bryanism was more popular than conservatism. He saw the drift of things among the voters. He set out to make them believe that he is their friend. He has succeeded to a degree that few of these observers seem to suspect. The fancy that Hearst permits himself to be used by anybody except in his own behalf shows an ignorance of Hearst methods and an equally dense ignorance of human nature.

The patrons of the Indianapolis public schools have asked the school commissioners of that city to prohibit the taking of collections from the pupils for any purpose whatever. This action is to be commended. The collections in the public schools have been too frequent. There are many pupils who can afford it, and there are many others who are embarrassed because they cannot afford it.

So far the Russians have gained no victories that would inspire the confidence of their friends as to the final outcome. On the other hand Japan has won at almost every point and now has 250,000 troops in motion to be landed in northwestern Korea. If Russia does not "get a move" soon, she will be completely whipped by the little "Island Empire."

About two weeks ago the Palladium was offered a large advertisement from the Cincinnati merchants, headed, "Railroad Fares Paid Both Ways," but declined it. The Palladium believes that it owes its first duty to the home merchants who pay most of the taxes and contribute in other ways to the advancement of home affairs.

"I have used Chamberlain's Senna and Liver Tablets with most satisfactory results," says Mrs. F. L. Phelps, Houston, Texas. For indigestion, biliousness and constipation these tablets are most excellent. Sold by A. G. Luken & Co., and W. H. Sudhoff, fifth and Main.

When you buy "Ideal Bread" you get eighteen ounces of good, home made bread.

The bread that will make Richmond famous—"Ideal."

## EARLHAM

## EXPLAINS

THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE  
INTERSTATE CONTEST  
ORATION.

## MR. KANALEY'S LETTER

Given For Publication in the Palladium—The Matter Closed.

The following communication was handed in for publication by Earlham College Saturday, but was crowded out:

To the Editor of the Palladium:

It has been the purpose of Earlham to consider the interstate contest matter closed, but the veracity of the president and faculty has been called in question. They have been challenged to produce certain letters stating that the contest could come to Richmond. In response to numerous inquiries the following quotations from Mr. Kanaley's letters are submitted:

Notre Dame, Feb. 26, '04.

"Now as to Richmond. If you are willing to have the contest and convention at Richmond, I should gladly welcome the suggestion provided you comply with the following provisions which I believe founded on facts and justice.

I am under \$500 bonds with Notre Dame as security. Earlham must assume the bond for me instead of Notre Dame, because naturally with the contest at Richmond Notre Dame leases her financial connection with the matter and it would rest

with Earlham to make the affair a financial success. Of course my name still appears on the face of the bond to the constitution.

2. Earlham must guarantee the payment of last year's deficit which I may state is not large) for I have virtually promised this to the treasurer of the interstate association of last year."

Notre Dame, March 5, '04.

"I think if the proper agreement is entered into by the proper authorities

that the contest will be held at Richmond and that it will be a success."

As for the bond you can either have a lawyer draw it up or find a form in a law book. Put my name on the face of the bond. Have responsible persons sign it for of course I shall look up the standing of those signing the bond. Send it immediately to me and I shall send it to the president of the interstate. This must be done immediately and forwarded to me. After this is done we shall

lay plans for the contest and convention."

The conditions were accepted and the bond was immediately forwarded to Earlham College.

"Ideal Bread" is just like mother used to bake at home; a close grain and substantial.

HEAR MRS. BENNETT, SOPRANO, OF CINCINNATI, AT MUSICAL CLUB APRIL 6.

## IMPORTANT CHANGE IN STORE HOURS

OPEN—Monday and WEDNESDAY nights until 9. Saturday nights until 10:30. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays we close at 6 p. m.

OUR SECOND SPRING SHIPMENT OF  
Carpets, Rugs, Curtains,  
Mattings, Linoleums

Came to hand last Thursday, and are now all ready for selling in our carpet room (2d floor). With the large addition we are safe in asserting that not a more complete or better selected stock of floor coverings, etc., can be found in the city. Everything that is new, bright and durable is here in great variety. Then, too, our connection with the great wholesale carpet house of the D. C. Beegs Co. in Columbus secures for us and for you an inside price on every article.

## Room Size Rugs

Another big lot of those very popular Manilla, Smyrna, Reversible Room Size Rugs—new colors and new designs. We wish you to see these. They are

Cheap at \$6.98, \$8.98 and \$12.50

## New Madras Curtains

The new Madras patterns, with colored stripes, are proving very popular. Our assortment includes all the correct things at \$1.39 per pair upward.

## Pretty New Art Squares

Bright and cheerful patterns of the best weaves. They add so much to the appearance of a room, besides saving of an expensive carpet.

\$3.98, \$4.50 and \$4.98

Better ones up to \$7.50

## Strong Ingrain Carpets

We've an immense stock of all the good things in Ingrain Carpets, from 25c to 75c, with a guaranteed saving on every yard. We mention one in particular—All an wool filled Ingrain, new patterns, at 59c yd

## Table Linen Special

Highly mercerized, satin finish Table Damask, beautifully bleached, new patterns and new border designs. Special price this week, 59c in. wide, 59c—72 in. wide, 75c

## Towel Sale Extraordinary

Tomorrow morning we will have on sale 20 dozen pure all Linen Huck Towels, size 23x46 in., with white or colored woven border. The regular price is 25c each. For the balance of the week we offer them 3 FOR 50c.

An unusual opportunity for the economically inclined housewife.

## Union Label Suits and Top Coats

Correct in every detail. We are sole agents for the Henry J. Brock Union Label Clothing.

## RAILROAD STORE

## KNOLLENBERG'S STORE NEWS

BEAUTIFUL  
COLLECTION OF  
Tailored  
Suits

Vast array of styles

\$10 to \$60

EXQUISITE  
SHOWING OF  
Nobby Spring  
Jackets and Coats

In real Covert Cloth, Broadcloth, Cheviot, Silk and Cloth of Gold. Beautifully tailored. Charming styles.

\$5.00 to \$37.50

Every lady will  
want a  
SHIRT  
WAIST  
SUIT

Our line is very extensive, shown in Foulard Silk, Pongee, etc.

Regular tailor made—Nobby styles.

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Charming conceptions  
in the new  
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Many novel effects are shown that distinguish them from the regular ready-made

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Every waist possesses a high degree of fit, finish and quality. Scandalous showing in China Wash Silk, Novelty Lace and other wash materials.

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\$1.00 to \$11.50

SPECIAL SALE OF ONE LOT CHILDREN'S SUITS  
TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Now is an opportune time for the mothers to clothe the children in a jaunty Eton Suit at a great saving.

Commencing today, we will place on sale one lot of 25 Children's Eton Suits, neatly tailored and trimmed—good styles and colors. Not a suit in the lot but what is worth double or triple the price we ask—but while they last you can take your choice for \$3.98 each.

The Geo. H. Knollenberg Co.